

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for fastening ~~the barrel of a rifle with a~~ replaceable barrel onto a rifle, the system ~~consisting of~~ comprising:

a lock frame~~[[,]]~~ having an opening into which ~~[[the]]~~ a barrel socket can be pushed into position and locked with a bolting device, wherein the bolting device ~~consists of~~ comprises a barrel block stop provided at ~~[[the]]~~ top of within the lock frame, and a groove in the socket of the barrel into which groove ~~being insertable into the barrel block stop is inserted~~ when the barrel is clamped into locked position, and

a screw is provided for clamping the socket of the barrel in the lock frame against the barrel block stop.

2. (Currently Amended) A fastening system as defined in claim 1, wherein the barrel block stop is a separate tempered arcuate claw, which is fastened ~~[[to]]~~ within the lock frame and whose arcuate portion settles in ~~[[a]]~~ the groove in the barrel socket in locked position.

3. (Currently Amended) A fastening system as defined in claim 1, wherein, ~~on the opposite~~ a side of the lock frame opposite the barrel block stop, the lock frame comprises a spring-loaded support plate, under which support plate ~~a clamping~~

~~device the screw~~ is provided, ~~such as a bolting screw~~ which screw is tightened from ~~[[the]]~~ an underside of the gun for clamping the socket of the barrel in the lock frame upwardly against the barrel block stop and ~~allowing the barrel socket to be clamped~~ ~~in the lock frame upwardly against the block stop.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A fastening system as defined in claim 1, wherein the opening in the lock frame has been shaped such that the barrel socket can be pushed into the lock frame at a small an angle to the assembled portion, with ~~[[the]]~~ a flange portion of the groove in the barrel socket being allowed to pass by the block stop before the barrel is clamped into position.

5. (Currently Amended) A fastening system as defined in claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ an underside of the socket, which bears against ~~[[the]]~~ a support plate, has ~~been~~ ~~worked to~~ a plane surface so that the barrel settles at ~~[[the]]~~ a correct angle around its axis during installation and clamping.

6. (New) A fastening system as defined in claim 4, wherein the barrel socket can be pushed into the lock frame at an angle of about 5 degrees or less.

7. (New) A fastening system as defined in Claim 2, wherein the barrel lock stop defines one extent of a headspace in the barrel.

8. (New) A fastening system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the barrel block stop is provided at the top of the lock frame.

9. (New) A fastening system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the screw is provided for clamping the socket of the barrel in the lock frame upwardly against the barrel block stop.